

Optimist Club of Fort Worth Youth Fund, Inc.

We are a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization run by volunteers dedicated to creating the next generation of leaders in our community.

Help Support Us

www.optimistclubfortworth.org/donate

Our Motto Is: "Friend of Youth"

We are dedicated to making the future brighter by helping Fort Worth area youth reach their full potential.

Athletic programs for over 1400 boys and girls including:

- Baseball Serving Boys Ages 6-14
- Football, Soccer, and Girls' Softball for Grades 3-5
- Opportunities For Golfers Ages 10-18

Acknowledgment of the scholastic, community service, and leadership achievements of elementary and high school students:

- Outstanding Junior Optimist
- Youth Appreciation Week
- Young Texan/Texanne
- Essay Contest
- SSA Scholarships
- TCC Scholarships

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Our Mission:

To Serve the Youth of Fort Worth. This is accomplished in a variety of ways:

First, we unite as members of Optimist International, a world-wide organization serving youth since 1919.

Second, we serve our community and the young people in it by demonstrating our Optimism in the programs we sponsor.

Third, we unite as a club, building life-long friendships through working together for common goals. We have weekly meetings featuring speakers addressing important and interesting topics.

Member Opportunities:

- Mentor Youth
- Community Service
- Make New Friends
- Professional Networking
- Learn Something New

Join Us!

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Outstanding Junior Optimists



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Essay Contest Winners



The Best Kept Secret In Fort Worth



Optimist Mustang All-Stars at a PONY League Zone Tournament.

The Optimist Club of Fort Worth strongly believes in sports programs for children. Research on youth participation in sport and physical activity has demonstrated that it is one of the most effective means of combating childhood obesity, in addition to helping kids avoid risky behaviors and achieve greater self-esteem and academic success.

Major League Baseball recognizes the importance of giving kids from disadvantaged and diverse communities the opportunity to play ball on a larger stage. The OCFW has been operating a youth baseball league for over 60 years that not only introduces boys to the sport but allows those that excel to be seen by coaches and scouts at regional tournaments. We also work with the Fort Worth ISD to provide football, soccer, and girls' softball.



A Rich Local History

The Optimist Club of Fort Worth was chartered in 1935. We are a service organization with youth sports and academics as hallmarks. Our sports programs are provided at a reduced cost so that under-served youth may compete at the same level as their peers from more affluent areas.

The OCFW isn't all about sports though. The club regularly honors student leaders at each of the Fort Worth public high schools and also offers scholarships with its Essay Contest.

Since 1951, the OCFW has sponsored the Scholastics, Sportsmanship, and Athletic (SSA) scholarship awards for scholar/athletes and we partner with Tarrant County College (TCC) for scholarships, helping more students realize their dreams of a college education.

To accomplish all of this takes funding, most of which is raised through a 65 year tradition of selling Christmas trees at Farrington Field (corner of University & Lancaster). Optimist Christmas Trees have become a Fort Worth institution and tradition for multiple generations of city residents.

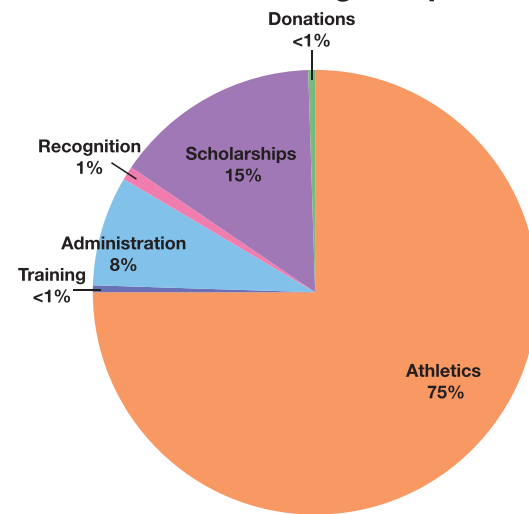


Christmas Tree Sales

Good Stewards of Resources

Ninety percent of our net fundraising proceeds go directly to youth programs.

Youth Fund Budget Expenses



FY 2017-18 Financials

Get Involved in the Future of Fort Worth Youth

We at the Optimist Club of Fort Worth believe that we reach more deserving youth more economically and with fewer members and that almost any other active local organization.

It takes a lot of commitment to make this happen. We have dues-paying members that support all of these activities thorough the generous donation of their valuable time.